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### COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

## STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 3, 1999

APPLICATION OF

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA

CASE NO. PUC990130

For a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities based interexchange telecommunications services

# ORDER FOR NOTICE

On July 29, 1999, Qwest Communications Corporation of Virginia ("Qwest" or "Applicant") filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to provide facilities based interexchange telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Applicant also requested authority to price its interexchange services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that Qwest's application should be docketed; that the Applicant should give notice to the public of its application; that interested persons should have the opportunity to comment and request a hearing on Qwest's

application; that the Commission Staff should be permitted to file a Staff Report; and that if substantive objections or requests for hearing are received, a public hearing should be scheduled to receive evidence relevant to Qwest's application for a certificate to provide interexchange services.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC990130.
- (2) On or before September 17, 1999, the Applicant shall complete publication of the following notice, which may be published on one (1) occasion as classified advertising in newspapers having general circulation throughout the Applicant's proposed service territory:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA AND TO HAVE ITS RATES DETERMINED COMPETITIVELY CASE NO. PUC990130

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Copies of the application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or can be ordered from Qwest's attorney, Eric M. Page, Esquire, LeClair Ryan, 4201 Dominion Boulevard, Suite 200, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060.

Any person desiring to comment on Qwest's application for a certificate to provide interexchange services may do so by directing such comments on or before October 1, 1999, to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set out below. Also, on or before October 1, 1999, any person desiring to lodge an objection to or request a hearing on Owest's application shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of its objection or request for hearing with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set out below. Requests for hearing must state with specificity why a hearing is necessary. If no substantive objections are received, the Commission may grant the certificate to provide interexchange services without a hearing.

All written communications to the Commission concerning Qwest's application should be directed to Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and must refer to Case No. PUC990130.

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(3) On or before September 17, 1999, Applicant shall give notice of its application to each local exchange telephone carrier certificated in Virginia and each interexchange carrier

certificated in Virginia by personal delivery or first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the customary place of business or residence of the person served. Lists of all current local exchange and interexchange carriers in Virginia are attached to this Order as Appendices A and B, respectively.

- (4) On or before October 1, 1999, any person desiring to lodge an objection to or request a hearing on Qwest's application for a certificate to provide interexchange services shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of its objection or request for hearing with Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Written objections shall refer to Case No. PUC990130 and shall state with specificity why a hearing is necessary.
- (5) Any person desiring to comment in writing on Qwest's application for a certificate to provide interexchange services may do so by directing such comments on or before October 1, 1999, to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Written comments must refer to Case No. PUC990130.
- (6) The Commission Staff shall be permitted to file a Staff Report, if necessary, on or before October 12, 1999.
- (7) On or before October 19, 1999, Qwest shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies

of all testimony it expects to introduce in rebuttal to the Staff Report, if such a report is filed.

- (8) On or before September 30, 1999, Qwest shall file with the Clerk of the Commission proof of publication of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (2) and (3) herein.
- (9) The Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within seven (7) days after the receipt of the same. Protestants shall provide to the Applicant, other Protestants, and Staff any workpapers or documents used in preparation of their prefiled testimony, promptly upon request. Except as so modified, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Rules.